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and Stewardson Brown, a number of North American plants from Mr. William M. Canby, and one hundred and fifty California plants from Miss Anna C. Hartshorne.

Were more time at the Conservator's disposal it would be an easy matter to materially increase the herbarium as well as library through the medium of exchanges as is done in other institutions, and it is to be hoped that some arrangement may be effected in the near future that will make this possible.

The Conservator wishes to express his thanks to the members of the Section in general and to Messrs. Thomas Meehan and Uselma C. Smith in particular for the valuable assistance rendered during the year.

Respectfully submitted,

STEWARDSON BROWN,

*Conservator.*

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#### REPORT OF THE MINERALOGICAL AND GEOLOGICAL SECTION.

The Director of the Mineralogical and Geological Section would respectfully report that nine meetings of the Section have been held during the year, with a marked increase of interest and of value in the communications.

The Section is especially indebted to Dr. Florence Bascom, of Bryn Mawr College, who gave a lecture on the minerals of rock sections, illustrated by excellent slides shown by electric light, through the courtesy of the Franklin Institute, at its hall, the polariscope being furnished without charge by Messrs. Queen & Co.

Two interesting and largely attended excursions were made, one to Doylestown, Buckingham Mountain, and New Hope, the other to Bridgeport, Henderson Station and Port Kennedy.

Additions to the museum have been less than usual. It is worthy of consideration whether this may not be due to the fact that a large part of the collection formerly displayed is now where it cannot readily be seen. It is hoped that when means can be secured for the better display a greater interest may be developed.

The following officers were elected for the ensuing year :

<i>Director,</i>	. . . . .	Theodore D. Rand.
<i>Vice-Director,</i>	. . . . .	William W. Jefferis.
<i>Conservator,</i>	. . . . .	F. J. Keeley.
<i>Corresponding Secretary and Recorder,</i>		Charles Schäffer, M.D.
<i>Treasurer,</i>	. . . . .	Emma Walter.

Respectfully submitted,

THEODORE D. RAND,

*Director.*

#### REPORT OF THE ORNITHOLOGICAL SECTION.

The ornithological collections of the Academy remain in practically the same condition as last year, lack of cases still preventing the removal of the main exhibition series to the new building, where it is eventually to be displayed. This collection has, however, been carefully examined during the year and the specimens in each family systematically arranged, which adds materially to the ease of consulting them.

The Delaware Valley Club collection has been largely increased and entirely relabelled, full information being given regarding each specimen, and a card added, on which the distribution and abundance of each species in Pennsylvania and New Jersey are described. The Club has met regularly during the year at the Academy, and on November 13-16, 1899, the American Ornithologists' Union held its annual congress in the building. This is the first time that a congress has been held in Philadelphia, and it is gratifying to know that the attendance of members and the number of papers presented was greater than on any previous occasion.

The most important accession during the year has been the Josiah Hoopes Collection of North American land birds, which was already on deposit, and which has now been purchased by friends of the Academy.

This collection of some 8,000 specimens renders the Academy's series of North American land birds nearly complete, and adds a large number of species heretofore lacking.

The Fowler collection of Pennsylvania and New Jersey birds has been added to the Stone collection already deposited, and being rich in water birds the two form a very complete local study series.